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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR BURIED INSULATING LAYER-TYPE  
SEMICONDUCTOR SILICON CARBIDE SUBSTRATE

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Document AA-AC and AE-AG was cited in an European Search Report dated December 16, 2005. A copy of the Search Report is also attached.

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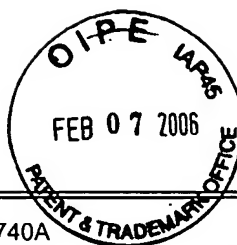
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